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After Loss in Europe*



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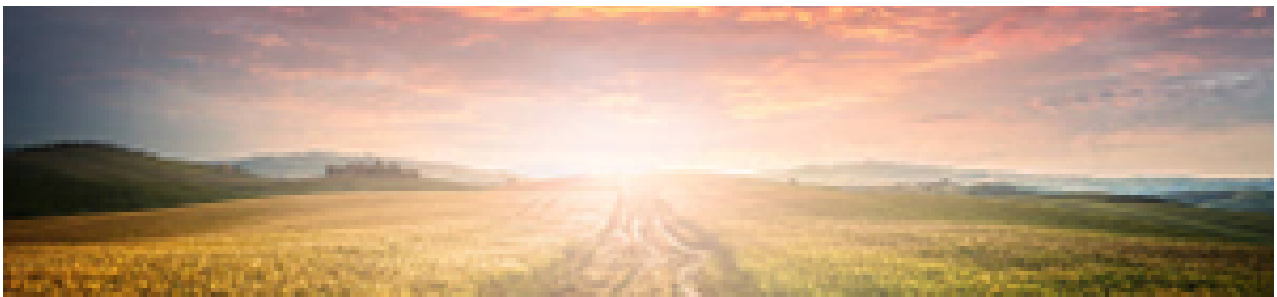


Coming to the end of the AURORA journey

Nearly the end of the project, each country partner organized a second local Multiplier Event, with the purpose of presenting to the wide community the overall outputs and project results. Half-day seminars were held in which key resources and training manuals (four manuals) designed to support formal and informal caregivers in providing bereavement support adapted to the challenges of the pandemic were introduced.

Multiplier Event at Danish National Center for Grief

On November 25, 2024, the Danish National Center for Grief (DNCG) hosted a Multiplier Event as part of the project's final phase. Recognizing Denmark's unique COVID-19 context, DNCG adopted a new outreach strategy by partnering with Grundtvig's Church, one of Copenhagen's most significant churches. This approach aimed to engage a broader audience, including local parish members, and enhance participation.



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Multiplier Event at University of Salento

On November 19, 2024, the University of Salento hosted a Multiplier Event in Lecce at the Conference Hall of the Rectorate. The event coincided with the project's Final Meeting, allowing all partners to participate, which boosted engagement and visibility. A total of 42 external participants attended, including key stakeholders such as representatives of professional associations, health center directors, academics, and the general public.

Attendees expressed great satisfaction with the training and showed strong interest in the content of the manuals, reinforcing the project's impact within the community.



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Multiplier Event at Comillas University

On November 27, 2024, Comillas University hosted a Multiplier Event in Madrid at the Sala de Conferencias de UNINPSI. The event gathered external participants, including key stakeholders such as representatives of professional associations, health center directors, academics, and members of the public. Attendees expressed high satisfaction with the training and showed great interest in the manuals, highlighting the relevance and impact of the project's outcomes.



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Multiplier Event at University Hospital Center of São João

On October 7, 2024, the University Hospital Center of São João (CHSJ) hosted its event for health-related professionals. The event welcomed external participants, including key stakeholders, ensuring the project's impact reached a broad professional audience.



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Impact on Participants

The project had a very positive impact on participants by fostering a dynamic interchange of knowledge and sharing of experiences across partner organizations. Clinical psychologists and professionals involved gained valuable insights into grief and bereavement issues, especially those exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Impact on Participating Organizations

Danish National Center for Grief (DNCG): It was their first, funded, EU project and this collaboration led to the implementation of new resources and bridges for knowledge exchange, strengthening the capacity and reach of their interventions.

ULS São João (Portugal): This organization has begun implementing the psychological assessment tools developed through the project and is continuing to provide interventions guided by the partnership's principles. Additionally, the effectiveness of these interventions will be monitored in collaboration with project partners, ensuring sustained progress and impact.

Los Camilos (Associated Partner, Spain): The Spanish partner continues to benefit from the training and resources provided through the project. They are extending bereavement assistance to the individuals most in need, ensuring that the project's legacy has a lasting impact on their community.

Italy: The training course for psychologists in Italy achieved accreditation and received sponsorship from the National Welfare and Assistance Agency for Psychologists and the Lecce Health Authority. These endorsements highlight the course's significance and the project's credibility in addressing grief and bereavement issues in Italy.

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Impact on Target Groups

The project significantly exceeded its initial targets in 64.6% increase over the proposed number. People who received training by AURORA Project (e.g., healthcare professionals, informal caregivers, and community support agents), are now better equipped to provide compassionate, effective support to those grieving.

The broader target group—including bereaved individuals themselves—benefited indirectly from the enhanced capacity and skills of trained professionals, as well as from the implementation of evidence-based practices across participating organizations.

This collective impact underscores the project's success in fostering innovation, collaboration, and resilience in bereavement care, creating a lasting positive impact on professionals, organizations, and communities.

The number of Associated Partners who engaged with us was surprisingly high, and engagement with the project website and social media was significant, illustrating engagement with key stakeholders.



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2nd InLuto Congress and 4th Luso-Brazilian Bereavement Congress, Lisbon

Thank you for the invitation from InLuto to share the results of almost three years of the Aurora Grief Project at the 2nd InLuto Congress and 4th Luso-Brazilian Bereavement Congress in Lisbon on 20 and 21 June. An excellent moment for reflection and networking.



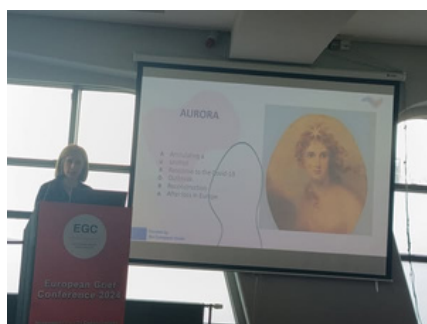
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European Grief Conference, Dublin

Very pleased and proud to present the results of three years of the Aurora Grief Project at the European Grief Conference, which took place in Dublin from 11 to 13 November.

UMAIA team member Eunice Barbosa presented a poster with the results of the work carried out by the Italian Aurora Grief Project team at the European Grief Conference in Dublin.

Representing the Italian team, the coordinator of the Aurora Grief Project, Daniela Nogueira, presented a poster on the representations of the bereavement training needs of different helping professionals at the European Grief Conference, Dublin, 2024.



Latest photos from the AURORA team

Reflecting on the impact of the Aurora Project, it's impossible not to recognise the growth and learning that everyone has experienced. Collaborations have transcended geographical and cultural barriers, resulting in innovations and materials that will benefit communities across Europe. Each partner has brought a piece of their identity, contributing to a mosaic of ideas and solutions that together we have created.

As we officially say goodbye to this chapter, we look to the future with hope and enthusiasm, certain that the seeds planted will blossom into even more ambitious projects. May the friendships and partnerships formed be the basis for a future full of new discoveries and achievements. We keep our hearts and minds open, looking forward to new opportunities for collaboration that may arise, always in the spirit of unity that the Aurora Project has inspired in all of us.



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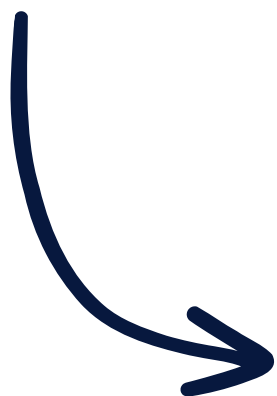
European and International Impact of the AURORA Project

Scientific Recognition

Daniela Nogueira (Project coordinator) was involved in the Scientific Committee of the 2nd European Grief Conference that was held in Dublin 2024.

Future Dissemination Opportunity

Daniela Nogueira will host the 3rd European Grief Conference in Porto 2026.



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